

NET CLOSES ABOUT GEORG RODIEK

PRESIDENT OF SUGAR PLANTERS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Reports From Mainland Indicate That Together With H. A. Schroeder, Vice-President of Hackfeld & Co., Is Implicated In Hindu Conspiracy

GEORG RODIEK, president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association and vice-president of Hackfeld & Company, has been caught in the far flung net used by Uncle Sam to trap the conspirators in the Hindu plot against Great Britain, one of the Allies of the United States against the Hun.

H. Augustus Schroeder, his private secretary and successor as German consul here, is also reported to have been trapped, and to have been indicted, charged with complicity in the same plot.

Such is the information brought to the city by the San Francisco Examiner of July 13, which reached here by the last mail, and which confirms the score of half verified reports and rumors which have been in Honolulu ever since the Associated Press despatches brought word of the indicting of "a former German consul in Honolulu," July 8.

In spite of the apparent correctness of the Examiner story, and its subsequent verification by the Associated Press, neither the firm of Hackfeld & Company nor the offices of the United States marshal, and the United States attorney, had had any definite information regarding the issuance of warrants for the arrest of these two former German officials.

Hagens Discredits the Report

J. F. C. Hagens, president of the big sugar firm, and close associate of Rodiek, declared that while he did not know of "any other Rodiek in Honolulu," he was convinced that there was some mistake and that his business associate and friend was not the man mentioned in the mainland reports. Schroeder, who is believed to be the man mentioned in the account of the action of the San Francisco federal grand jury, as "H. R. Schroeder," also scouted the idea that he was personally involved in the affair, or that Rodiek was the man referred to by the Examiner.

S. C. Huber, the United States attorney of this district, and in whose hands the issuance and serving of a warrant for the arrest of these men would have been placed, by the government had the case taken its normal course, said that he had no official information regarding the Hindu plot other than that which his office had collected here and forwarded to the mainland officials at work on the task of unraveling the conspiracy.

Newspapers Brought News
"I first heard of the indictments on the mainland through a newspaper man, who showed me the story as printed in his paper," said Mr. Huber. "I left that day for Hilo to attend the term of the federal court there, and during the time I was away heard nothing and saw nothing further of the matter. Nor while I was gone did any information reach here. There are various explanations for this, none of which I care to go into now. I will say, however, that when the names 'Rodiek' and 'Schroeder' are found printed in the list of those indicted for the conspiracy, one is at liberty to remember the first report which said that 'former German consuls' at Honolulu had been indicted, then put two and two together and draw one's own deductions accordingly."

But in spite of the statement of Mr. Huber and Marshall Smiddy, who declared that he had "nothing to say at this time," the report persisted that Rodiek, who left here on the Mauna last Thursday, had been escorted by an officer of the secret service, under orders from the intelligence office of the Hawaiian Department, and would be turned over to the authorities as soon as the steamer lands at San Francisco. She is due there tomorrow afternoon. Army officials declined flatly to talk about the case at all.

Friendship Dan Gerous
Rodiek, prominent as he has been in business and social circles of Honolulu, has not escaped suspicion of being more than commonly active in the cause of the Kaiser while he was German consul here, and even after he had resigned that post and had been succeeded by Schroeder. It will be remembered that when Doctor Cook, the Arctic explorer, was arrested in India in the fall of 1915, it was reported that his intimacy with Rodiek as much as any other one thing had influenced the British authorities in their action. Doctor Cook had been Rodiek's guest when passing through Honolulu on his way to the Orient at that time.

The plot of which Rodiek and Schroeder stand accused of being participants, was traced and revealed in part through the efforts of the United States officials here, following the receipt of instructions from the mainland asking that certain persons be shadowed. This led to the discovery of letters which in turn led the investigators directly to a little side street in Tokio, where the conspirators were found working. Other letters led to the discovery of a place in Switzerland, on the German borderland, where the conspirators were found working. This place gave the Swiss police, a world of trouble before it was finally unrooted and its occupants placed where they won't do any more plotting in violation of neutrality, at least, until after the ending of this war.

Plot of Long Standing
The ramifications of the plot in which Rodiek and Schroeder are entangled are said to have begun long before the outbreak of the Great War in Europe. Started by a little group of Hindu students of the "baboo" class, it extended from San Francisco through the class rooms of the two big universities of that State, into southern India,

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case," in which it is charged that persons in the interest of the German government were attempting to start a revolution in India, and set on foot a military expedition in this country, the United States attorney discovered additional evidence in the Sacramento case, with the result that new defendants have been named, and other indictments drawn.

In both cases, according to United States Attorney John W. Preston, of San Francisco, Robert Capelle will be named as a defendant. It will be charged that he acted as financial agent of Germany on the Pacific Coast in both plots.

According to the Coast authorities, Michaels, the millionaire, supplied Harry Hart with money. His friends claim that he did not know the use to which Hart intended putting the money.

Once Owned Maverick
Hart and Michaels were former owners of the steamer Maverick of unsavory reputation, which visited Honolulu. The sailings of the Maverick also will play a prominent part in the indictments.

Ships Outfitted On Coast
The Sacramento, Maverick, Annie Larsen and other ships were to carry supplies and provisions and were outfitted at ports on the Pacific Coast.

J. Starr Hunt, formerly purser of the Maverick, was arrested and held in India, by the British authorities. He was about to be shot, when he consented to confess the details of the plot to the authorities. Accordingly, he was returned to the United States.

United States Attorney Preston and his assistant, Annette A. Adams, in San Francisco, have been working on anti-neutrality investigations for two years. It was while they were investigating the Hindu rebellion plot that they discovered that the steamers Sacramento, Annie Larsen, Henry S. and Maverick, which were involved in the plots to furnish German warships with supplies, also figured in the plotting to stir up a revolt in India.

Preston said recently according to the San Francisco Examiner, "the plots even included the sending of emissaries from this country to China and Japan for the purpose of bribing the press of those nations and making secret treaties between those countries and Germany in the aid of their expedition against India. These efforts were abortive. They proved failures."

United States district attorneys throughout the United States were investigating these plots, but Attorney General Gregory recently placed Preston in charge of the entire prosecution and authorized him to present the matter to the grand jury here.

Bopp Case Won Spurs
This was done, it is said, as a result of Preston's success in handling the Bopp case, obtaining convictions. The gigantic conspiracy to incite rebellion in India had its inception in San Francisco. A conference was held by the Hindu leaders and the local consulate and its attaches immediately following the declaration of war in August, 1914, and a campaign of the Hindus on the Coast was begun.

Emissaries were financed by German agents here and despatched to Germany. There the India committee, and adjunct of the German Foreign office, was created. This committee consists of seven or eight prominent Hindus, who had gathered there in contemplation of war. Har Dayal, a fugitive from justice from the United States since March, 1914, was the leader.

This committee was under the immediate charge of one Wesendonk of Berlin, the organization also having the personal attention of Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign secretary, who was famous by trying to entice Mexico into attacking the United States before war was declared against the Kaiserband by this country.

Orders From Berlin
Operations of the revolutionists in the United States were then directed and financed by this committee, orders being sent directly from Berlin by cipher despatches and messages.

The conspiracy then formed and

SOLDIER ENDS LIFE BY ELECTROCUTION

Manner of Suicide of Sergeant Lindsay Was Strangest On Record in the Islands

The most weird suicide on record in Hawaii was reported yesterday from Schofield Barracks following the discovery in a guava field of the body of Sgt. James Lindsay, Company P, Twenty-fifth Infantry. Found by a member of the Fourth Cavalry on Monday, the funeral services were conducted from the post chapel yesterday with Colonel Carahan, his regimental commander, his company and the non-commissioned officers of the regiment in attendance, as well as the members of the various military orders to which he belonged.

Having already passed the term of service which entitled him to retirement, the final and tragic chapter of Lindsay's life was disclosed only by the examination of the marks on his body, and by the peculiar circumstances under which it was found, for there were no witnesses to his death.

As these marks betrayed the story, Lindsay first tied a heavy rope around his waist, throwing the end of it over a high-power wire directly above him. The rope was long enough to reach the ground again, and seizing the loose end, Lindsay commenced to pull himself bodily up.

Upon reaching the wire he grabbed one of them with one hand and swung himself back and forth until he had drawn his leg over the other. What happened then can easily be imagined.

When found the body was beneath the wire where it had fallen, with the rope still tied around his waist. The burial on his hand and leg gave evidence of the points of contact, and bruises and contusions testified to the fall.

The insane character of the act is said to fit in with his recent actions, and it is reported that for the past three or four months he has been mentally unbalanced.

The inquest was performed by Major Hunter B. Nelson, M. C.

Sergeant Lindsay's career in the army was a long and honorable one and his end has depressed his companions. He enlisted in 1892 and was already an old soldier when the Spanish-American war, through which he fought, broke out. On April 18, 1897, he was appointed corporal and received his sergeantcy on November 23, 1899.

He was a native of Camden, Indiana, and at the time of his death was forty-seven years of age.

He was a member of Col. L. W. D. Kennon Camp No. 5, of the Military Order of Serpents and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The members of these orders attended the funeral, which was held at two o'clock yesterday, in full regalia. Services were conducted by Chaplain Priceless.

Indictment Brings Up Anew Tale of Famous Maverick

Steamer Touched Here As Did Schooner Annie Larsen, the Latter With Arms Intended To Be Used In Starting a Revolt Against the British in India

The indictment of Capt. P. H. Schuler of the schooner Annie Larsen, for complicity in the Hindu plots will interest Honolulu who are familiar with the tangled story of the adventures of the Larsen and steamer Maverick, to which the schooner was to deliver arms at sea.

Captain Schuler gave a reporter for The Advertiser full access to the log of the schooner when she brought a cargo of lumber here in September, 1915. He spoke freely and unsparingly of the affair, but it may be significant that he said at the time that he believed the arms were intended for use of the Germans in South Africa in resisting the British and Boer forces and not for India at all.

The Annie Larsen sailed from San Diego with a large cargo of arms and ammunition, intending to meet the Maverick off Socorro Island, where the arms were to be delivered. Captain Schuler said that he was acting under instructions of Supercargo Page, who really was Captain Otmer of the German schooner Atlas, then a refugee in San Francisco.

The Maverick was delayed in sailing from Los Angeles by inspection, and when she did arrive at Socorro the Larsen, having run short of water and being unable to get on the island by sinking wells, had departed for Acapulco, where she was saved from the Mexicans by the United States gunboat Yorktown. Captain Schuler said here that the Yorktown had permitted Page to send a wireless message to San Diego to the Maverick.

The Maverick lay off San Diego while Captain Nelson, since dead, went ashore (this was not in Captain Schuler's story, of course, for he was unaware of this). Upon receiving the Larsen's message that she would return to Socorro and then, if the Maverick was not there, would go to Hilo and Cornwallis reef, southwest of Honolulu, the Maverick put to sea again. She did not meet the Larsen, however, because the schooner ran short of provisions and was forced to return to Washington. There the customs officials seized her and Page or Otmer escaped. Several thousand rifles were found aboard her.

The Maverick, failing to find the Larsen at Hilo or Cornwallis, went to Batavia, where she remains, afraid to put to sea.

W. A. Mundell of the Mundell Detective Agency, who was employed by the San Francisco British Consul, secured valuable information in the Hindu plot which he turned over to the government.

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS ENJOYED HILO VISIT

Will Hold Court There More Frequently

HILO, July 21—"I don't want to leave you but I think I ought to go," was the expressed sentiment of Federal Court officials who departed for Honolulu by the Mauna Kea yesterday morning. A large number of local residents were down to bid adieu to the departing officers.

During their brief sojourn in Hilo, the Federal Court officials have made many acquaintances, and their departure was cause for regret. "Hilo has greeted us with a few tears over our mission," said Judge Vaughan, "and it was taken that the Judge thought last night's rain were the shedded tears."

"This little city of yours is certainly a winner," added Judge Vaughan, "and I am going that my visits here will be more frequent."

It is the intention of the Federal Court to hold sessions in Hilo whenever sufficient business is on the calendar. The expense incurred by officers coming here is considerably less than would be the case if all defendants together with witnesses, were asked to go to Honolulu. Besides it is more satisfactory to Hilo to have her own sessions as members of the Grand Jury, United States District Attorney and Mrs. Huber regretted their leaving. They both expressed themselves as delighted with Hilo, as also did Court Clerk and Mrs. Ross and Deputy Marshal Otto F. Heine.

FILIPINOS TRY TO AVOID REGISTRATION

Hilo Sheriff Says Many Leaving For Honolulu

HILO, July 21—Completing a tour of the island to swear in registration officers for July 31, Sheriff S. K. Pua returned to town yesterday morning, and immediately made a hurried departure for Honolulu, where he will be instructed as to the final arrangements for the registration of eligibles on Hawaii.

In Paalo, the sheriff said, "I learned that quite a number of Filipinos were leaving for Honolulu, evidently with the idea of escaping from their obligations. But they will be eventually caught," declared the sheriff.

Between Hamakua and Kohala, the plantations are sadly in need of rain, according to Sheriff Pua's observations. The roads between these two districts are in a sorry plight, the dust being as thick as many places.

Other than the shortage of rain, conditions on the island seem very favorable. The settlers are contented, and no untoward circumstances prevail.

CAR IS SMASHED BUT OCCUPANTS ESCAPE

HILO, July 22—A Ford car was crushed to scrap-iron when it ran over the embankment on the town side of the Waikanae bridge yesterday afternoon. Two occupants were in the car at the time of the accident, but both escaped with a bad shaking.

An eye-witness said that the automobile was proceeding in the direction of Waikanae when a Japanese boy at the wheel, beside him sat a Hawaiian, who, as they neared the bridge caught hold of the wheel and before the machine could be righted over the embankment it went.

A crowd quickly collected and extricated the occupants. It was at first thought they had been badly hurt; by a miracle only did they escape.

Good Health Makes a Happy Home



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GRIM WOLF HOWLS AT DOOR WHILE LAW MILL GRINDS

Beneficiaries Under Workmen's Compensation Act Suffer Because of Uncertainty As To Its Constitutionality

While the wheels of justice are slowly turning to test the validity of the Workmen's Compensation Act, thirteen city and county beneficiaries under that law are having a more or less grim struggle with the wolf of hunger.

Held unconstitutional by Judge Ashford of the circuit court, the act is now before the supreme court but it will probably be some time before a decision is handed down. The case has not been argued yet, nor have the briefs been prepared.

In the meantime, the thirteen beneficiaries are going without their compensation. The city and county attorneys to withhold all payments under the act, pending the decision of the higher tribunal, and this has been done to the unconcealed dismay of the beneficiaries.

Almost without exception these persons awarded compensation are dependent upon it for support. Two of the thirteen are widows, Mrs. F. Wright and Mrs. J. K. Aylett, and a third is an aged Hawaiian woman, very near blind, whose only income since her brother's death has been \$2.88 a week paid as compensation.

DORIS COMES TO AUGMENT FLEET

New Inter-Island Vessel Here With Coal and Goes Into Immediate Service

One day ahead of time, the steamer Doris, recently purchased by the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, arrived yesterday afternoon, and berthed shortly after two o'clock at Pier 12. Commanded by Captain Crabbe, a young officer previously freight clerk on the liner Mataonia, the vessel made the trip in nine days, eighteen hours and forty-five minutes, considered a creditable performance.

The Doris gives the appearance of being as large as the Hamakua and Maui, the two lost vessels of the fleet, together and is, in fact, an exceptionally well built and commodious ship. She is an oil-burner, which surprised local watermen considerably, and has a capacity of 250 barrels of oil.

By way of cargo, the vessel has been loaded with four hundred tons of Comox coal for Port Allen and will sail this evening for that port to discharge it. It is understood that some alterations are to be made before the vessel goes into service and she will also be refitted and given a Hawaiian name, according to the company's custom.

Among the changes to be made, it is stated, will be the removal of the bridge house, which is said to be close and hot. The bridge will be left open as in a majority of the other inter-island vessels.

Captain Crabbe and his crew will transfer to the Steamer Governor Jaekneke the last of the seized German merchantmen to remain in Honolulu, and will take her to the Coast. A new and local crew will be put on the Doris commanded by Capt. S. J. Harris, at present in command of the Waialea.

GOOD TIME ENDS IN DEATH FOR MAHILA

HILO, July 22—While his family was over in Kona John Mahila started out to have a good time last night, and this morning his body lies in the county morgue and the funeral will be held.

Mahila began drinking with some boon companions and went to the Matou Hotel where he went out on the big lanai on the third floor. While sitting on the railing he lost his balance and fell to the ground.

The unfortunate man was rushed to the Hilo Hospital shortly after ten o'clock, but died at fifteen minutes to eleven. He was an employee of the Hilo Electric Light Company. He leaves a wife and four children. He was about thirty years old at the time of his death.

OIL WAREHOUSES TO BE BUILT AT HILO

HILO, July 22—If plans now being discussed come to maturity, large warehouses for the storage of oil will be erected here at an early date. A. S. Prescott, manager in the Territory for the Standard Oil Company, who was recently in Hilo, is going into the question, and it is quite probable that the buildings will be ready for use early in the new year.

The site chosen is a five-acre block of land in the vicinity of Kuluhi wharf, and the proposed buildings comprise a warehouse, drum shed, garage, offices and other necessary attachments. All structures are to be built of reinforced concrete and in the latest style. Plans for three large and three small tanks are also under discussion, and work on these may be commenced towards the end of the year.